



Manna Putnam took her cup with its two lumps of sugar, found a seat hurriedly and began excitedly: "I have just made my tenth call, and not another shall I make today. I might have been a parrot for all my 'lovely weddings,' hot weather and 'active volcanoes' I have said at every house. My mind is as flat as a marble floor!"

While Manna stopped for breath Aunt Lucy remarked: "Ungrateful girl! I remember that a certain young woman came to my room and expatiated on the topics you decline to discuss with others."

With an air of meekness Manna rejoined: "I relish one sherbet, while I am incapable of ten. So with my whole-sale calls and 'weddings' ad infinitum."

The temptation to cast my stone overcame me as I sat at the tea-table. "You are not ordinarily dumb, Manna. If you had carried your lofty subjects with you, they would have been ventilated, I am sure."

Manna laughed. "It was bright outside, but I seem to have come into a snowstorm. I am refreshed for more calls, even. However I will stay and reel off my ideas about conversing, for I am wound up on that theme. Sibly can profit by my views." Hence these words.

How often the chart at a dinner table is out of all harmony with the delicate vintages set before the guests! The least return we could make the hostess is to take our part in pleasant conversation, and not add to her dainties the sauce of scandal or criticism or personal grievance. I cannot think we know the exhilaration of true conversation till we get out of these fogs of personalities and mount up to the height of art, literature and science. Somewhere I heard of topics that Frances Willard kept for emergencies, though it seems strange for her to need stock topics. She would talk of the experience she had had with celebrated people, and draw from others any anecdotes of their own lives that touched on greatness.

My Celebrity Book grew out of hearing this story about Miss Willard. It is a scrap book in which I have clippings of famous people I have seen or heard. Amelia Edwards, George Kennan, Henry Stanley, to which I add all the programs of concerts and plays I attended during the two years I kept the book.

Once when I was in the clutches of grip and could neither read nor talk, I remember closing my eyes and dwelling for hours on the grace with which Modjeska had said: "The quality of mercy is not strained." What delight I found in learning how she impressed those who saw her and how others have played Portia!

De Tocqueville thus rates social intercourse: "The duties of society may be defined as an obligation existing in civilized society of mutually boring and inconveniencing each other." With that may go the current definition of a bore: One who talks so much about himself that you cannot talk about yourself.

We must, then, cease about talking ourselves constantly, for however fascinating that subject may be to us, it will nauseate even to our dearest friends dwell on forever. We need not today our friends, a la Boswell, but we can be cheerful and sympathetic, and if we would be most happy, forgetful altogether of ourselves. Let us be guiding lights in conversation, when it turns to personalities, and let us lead to safer paths. Life is too progressive, too wonderful, too mysterious to waste it in gossip or complaint. Let us be sufficient unto ourselves, bearing our own burdens or burying them if need be, only so that we may be equipped for the world's need of us, and for its work.

A most pleasant and enjoyable occasion was the party given at the home of Consul and Mrs. H. W. Schmidt on Thursday night in honor of the twenty-first birthday of their son William, as all those who will present will testify.

The spacious grounds of the Schmidt residence were lighted with Japanese lanterns hung at different heights among the trees and shrubbery and the house was most artistically decorated with yellow and white flowers with here and there a sprinkling of ferns.

The black lace curtains the drawing and sitting rooms thrown open together with the library and spread with canvas for the dance, were covered with bunches of the golden shower bloom while hung about the mirrors and bric-a-brac were large bunches of white asters on backgrounds of ferns.

A stringed orchestra of native players stationed on the front veranda, furnished music for the occasion.

The guests were received by Mrs. Schmidt, Miss Schmidt, returned on a vacation from school in the States, and Wm. Schmidt.

Dancing was of course the main feature of the evening and everyone made it a point to make it such.

Among the guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. W.C. King, Mrs. Robt Lewers,

Mrs. Fred Carter, Misses Kate McGrew, Emily Halstead, Clara Fuller, Ladd (2), Ward (2), Afong (3), McIntyre (3), Paty (2), Nellie Rickard, Lillie Paris, Alice Wall, Rose Roth, Mossman (2), Helen Robertson, M. von Holt, Harriet Lewers, May Weight, Danford (2), Ethel Rice, Ada Whitney and Messrs. Tarn McGrew, C. S. Weight, Paul F. De La Vergne, Dr. Smith, C. S. Stanworth, W. H. McElroy, H. H. Hough, A. St. M. Mackintosh, Ernest Mott-Smith, James McInerney, Harry Waterhouse, Charles K. Hyde, Martin Smith, E. McIntyre, L. de L. Ward, Sam Woods, Jack Low, George Angus, Fred Angus, Ed. Mossman, J. O. Carter, Jr., Fred Potter, Henry Giles, Tom Wall, Alfred Wall, Arthur Wall, E. Schultze, C. von Hamm, W. Diekey, von Damm, A. Louison, D. James, W. Whitney, Frank Armstrong, E. Paris, O. Sorenson, B. Marx and Clifton F. Tracy.

A dinner was given at the home of President and Mrs. Dole on Tuesday night. The decorations were of golden shower. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. McGrew, Mrs. Montague-Turner, Professor and Mrs. Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McLeod, Mrs. Afong, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Harris.

The receptions aboard the U. S. S. Adams will be held the first Friday of each month while the hot weather lasts.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jones and family have gone to Waikane to while away some of the hot weather.

#### A NEW LEASE OF LIFE

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From the Amherst (Canada) Sentinel.

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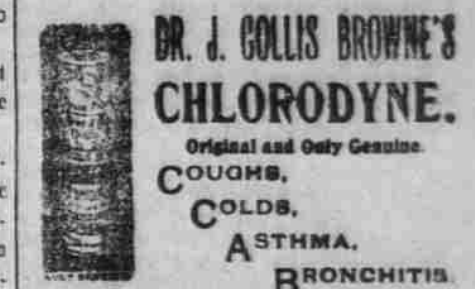
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